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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Detailed Action

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Miyazaki et al (US 5,870,376).

3. Regarding Claim 1, Miyazaki et al shows (Fig. 17) a disk cartridge, comprising: a disk (51) having a central hub (62) for engagement with a disk drive to drive the disk into rotation; and a housing (52) in which the disk is accommodated; the cartridge comprising a clamping member (62) to clamp the disk to one side of the cartridge housing (2) when the cartridge is free from the disk drive, wherein the housing and the disk have co-operating centering members (62d) for centering the disk with respect to the cartridge housing when the disk is clamped to the housing by the clamping member.

4. Regarding Claim 2, Miyazaki et al shows (Fig. 17) the cartridge, wherein one of the housing (52) and disk (51) comprises a circumferential conical portion (62d), while the respective other one has a circumferential portion (51a) that can engage the conical portion.

5. Regarding Claim 3, Miyazaki et al shows (Fig. 17) the cartridge, wherein the conical portion (62d) is provided on a projection on the inner wall of the housing, and the circumferential portion of the disk is provided at the hub.

6. Regarding Claim 4, Miyazaki et al shows (Fig. 17) the cartridge, wherein the hub (62) is cup-shaped and the inner edge of the cup forms the circumferential portion (51a) of the disk (51) co-operating with the conical portion (62d) of the projection.

7. Regarding Claim 5, Miyazaki et al shows (Fig. 17) the cartridge, wherein the clamping member (62) comprises at least a magnetized element (63) and a magnetizable element on the disk (51) and housing (52).

8. Regarding Claim 6, Miyazaki et al shows (Fig. 17) the cartridge, wherein the magnetized element (63) forms the projection on which the conical portion (62d) is provided, and the hub (62) is made of a magnetizable material.

9. Regarding Claim 7, Miyazaki et al shows (Fig. 17) the cartridge, wherein the inner edge of the cup-shaped hub (62) and the conical portion (62d) of the magnetized element (63) are substantially in linear contact with one another when the disk (51) is clamped to the housing (52), while the remainder of the magnetized element (63) is free of the disk (51).

10. Regarding Claim 8, Miyazaki et al shows (Fig. 17) the cartridge, wherein the magnetized element (63) is annular, and the housing wall comprises a projecting portion (52s) engaging the center of the annular magnetized element (63) so as to fix the magnetized element to the wall.

Conclusion

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Blouin whose telephone number is 571-272-7583. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 6:00 to 3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joe Feild, can be reached on 571-272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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